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This is a decision on the petition, filed February 19, 2009, under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued December 28, 2004, paying the 3.5-year maintenance fee expired at midnight December 28, 2008. Therefore, since the petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee of \$490.00 and the surcharge of \$1640.00 were received on February 19, 2009. The above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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